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OPC EXCLUSIVE!

CLUB LUNCHEON

Wednesday, September 29 ---- Toots Shor's Restaurant, 51 West 51st St.

Cocktails at Noon ----- Luncheon Served at 12:30 P. M.

Members: \$2.75 ----- Guests: \$3.25 (Tax and Tip included)

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"I WAS A PRISONER IN RED CHINA"

by

Don Dixon

International News Service Correspondent

Along with Dick Applegate and Capt. Ben Krasner, Don Dixon was arrested by the Chinese Communists 18 months ago while the three were cruising in a small yacht off the coast of China. Don was on leave from Korea, Dick Applegate was planning a world cruise in the yacht he had purchased a short time before, and Capt. Krasner is with the U.S. Merchant Marine. The three men were returned to freedom a few days ago, after a year-and-a-half of torture, brain-washing, near starvation, and are back in the U.S.A. on richly deserved leave from their out-fits. Their story will be told by Don Dixon Wednesday at the OPC luncheon. Please **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY**. A large turnout is expected.

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HARRISON SALISBURY OPC LUNCHEON SPEECH ATTRACTS 300

Some 300 members and guests packed one of the Toots Shor's dining rooms last Wednesday for the guest-speaker appearance of Harrison Salisbury, recently returned to the U.S. from his New York Times assignment in Moscow.

In attracting such a large turnout, Salisbury scored another record for OPC affairs. His Wednesday talk drew the largest crowd of any OPC luncheon since he appeared in a similar role last year while home on leave.

He reported a relaxation, to a certain degree, on censorship, travel and other restrictions in the Soviet Union.

Recounting his recent cross-USSR tours made under the watchful eyes of the Secret Police, Salisbury described the "rugged, grim and terrible conditions of life" in the Russian cities and towns which he visited. He compared with democracy's "free" labor with prison labor and observed that although disaffection is widespread, there is probably only a remote chance of an upheaval because Russian minds have been "dammed up."

Salisbury said he had been mistaken in his previous OPC speech when he cited Beria's arrest, the death of Stalin and the reversal on the purge of medical men as the three most significant events in recent Russian history. At the time, he said, he felt these events might trigger a resistance movement but it never materialized.

In answer to one question, the Timesman said he reported conditions as he observed them, and, of course, censorship had its effects upon his dispatches. He told how censors had stopped his reports on Jews of Georgia, an interview with a Georgia newsman and a biographical note on Stalin done from the site of Stalin's birth.

President BOB CONSIDINE presided.

(Editor's note: The Bulletin goes to press a day late this week to bring the Salisbury luncheon story to you. Our regrets for the lack of time and space to list the many distinguished members and guests present.)

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NEW CLUB BAR, *

DINING ROOM *

ARE NOW OPEN *

Limited dining room and bar service is now available at the new Club home, 35 East 39th St., PAT HARTWELL, Arts & Decorations Committee chairman, reports.

Such service will be on a trial, experimental basis during the first few weeks, of course, and Chairman HARTWELL says she knows the Membership will appreciate the initial difficulties that will have to be worked out.

The good-news facts, however, are: (1) the dining room will be open--it is now--from noon to 3 P.M. serving soup-and-sandwich type lunches and (2) the bar is open, "featuring both quality and economical prices". Nine P.M. will be closing time for the bar at the present time.

Chairman HARTWELL meanwhile cautions Members visiting the building for the first time that the vast decorations chore is not yet completed.

So for the time being, the OPC by-word is, "Hang the curtains! The bar's open!"

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AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY CLOSED TEMPORARILY

Secretary Treasurer A. WILFRED MAY reports that, pending a full study, the Board of Governors has ordered the affiliate membership category closed. The whole question of Membership was aired at the Sept. 16th Governors' session and is being investigated.

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NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONSACTIVE:

John Peter Maas, Crowell Collier Publishing Company; reporter Durham North Carolina Morning Herald from December 1947 to December 1948; Herald Tribune (Paris Edition) Copy Desk from February to July 1949; freelance out of Paris from July 1949 to April 1950; staff-writer information department, ECA, Paris from May 1950 to January 1952; Navy PR Department Naples, Rome and Pentagon from January 1952 to September 1953. Proposed by CORNELIUS RYAN; seconded by BILL DAVIDSON.

Bill Stapleton, associate editor, Collier's; South America, Spain, Switzerland, France, Hawaii from February 1954 to October 1954; Canada, Germany, England, France from January to June 1953; European writer-photographer correspondent in Paris December 1951 to November 1952; Korean war and Far East 1950 to 1951; photographer-reporter with Miami Herald 1937 to 1941; Army service 1941 to 1945; Miami Herald from 1947 to 1950. Proposed by CORNELIUS RYAN; seconded by BILL DAVIDSON.

ASSOCIATE:

Jerome Beatty, Jr.; associate editor, Collier's since 1952; associate editor, Pageant from 1949 to 1952; associate editor, Coronet from 1946 to 1949; staff reporter Newark Evening News from 1939 to 1943. Proposed by CORNELIUS RYAN; seconded by BILL DAVIDSON.

Albert L. McNamee; manager, News Bureau, Public Relations Department, United States Rubber Company; New York Journal of Commerce from August 1946 to August 1948; Paterson Morning Call from June 1941 to October 1942; Pompton Lakes Bulletin, editor, from June 1940 to June 1942. Proposed by JOSEPH S. ROSAPEPE; seconded by JOSEPH WILLICOMBE, JR.

Marvin Koner; free lance photographer; news photographer for Colliers, Fortune and This Week for last four years; from April to July 1953 in Japan and Korea for Colliers; for Argosy in Cuba from October to November 1952; during 1953 and 1954 Central America, New Foundland, Alaska for Look, Colliers, This Week. Proposed by CORNELIUS RYAN; seconded by BILL DAVIDSON.

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GOOD WILL MISSION
VISITS OPC

Five representatives of the good will mission of Chinese anti-Communist Returnees from Korea, accompanied Dr. Tingfu F. Tsiang, Chinese Ambassador to the U.N., were present at the OPC luncheon on Friday, September 17, at Toots Shor's Restaurant. The group came to the U.S. in response to invitations from overseas Chinese communities, and are on a nationwide tour. As luncheon speaker, Dr. Tsiang denounced the Communist regime in China, and pleaded for "assistance in the realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms."

Among those in attendance: PRESIDENT BOB CONSIDINE, JAMES L. WICK, N. F. ALLMAN, WAMBLY BALD, DAN REEGAN, RUTH LLOYD, BILL GRAY, JEWEL de BONILLA, LEON DENNEN, BOB DUNNE, THEODORE FINDAHL, JULIA EDWARDS, GERALDINE FITCH, MAXWELL FOX, PHIL GUSTAFSON, ERNEST HEYN, MARY HORNADAY, GILMORE IDEN, ALLAN JACKSON, BILL LONG, BILL McDONALD, LARRY LOWENSTEIN, ADELE NATHAN, WAYNE PENNINGTON, WAYNE RICHARDSON, CHARLES ROBBINS, STANLEY ROSS, JOSA MORGAN RUFFNER, JOSEPH RUFFNER III, RALPH SALAZAR, JOHN E. SATTLE, JOHN SCOTT, ART SETTEL, BRUNO SHAW, DAVE STERN, FRANK TAO, IRENE TAYLOR, JACOBUS TENBERGE, LOUIS WEINTRAUB, BELLA FROMM WELLES, NATE WHITE.

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BELLA FROMM WELLES just returned from four-week stay in Germany....
LOUIS WEINTRAUB, Pavelle color PR chief, named PR consultant to President ABE STARK, City Council.....STANLEY ROSS back from 20 months in Latin America, will be here for one month and then scoots back to Brazil to attend Interamerican Press Conference.....GERALDINE FITCH back from summer home at Hague-on-Lake George, being processed for Japan, Korea, Formosa and Hong Kong, leaving on October 21st.....Prolific Colleague WALKER CRONKITE (CBS) has taken over web's Sunday News bit on TV, formerly held down by Don Hollenbeck. Walter's "You Are There", Sunday night historical drama, has returned to the air after a summer hiatus.....EDMUND STEVENS, Christian Science Monitor and Rome Bulletin correspondent, is home on leave, and can be reached at 1 Norway Street, Boston, home office of The Monitor.....PAT HARTWELL appointed PR director, UN Children's Fund, resigning from Carl Byoir & Assoc. after five years' there. In the UN spot, she succeeds husband DICK HARTWELL (now with Robinson-Hanegan.)

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NOTE TO PROGRAM CHAIRMEN:

(Forums, Clubs, Trade Assns, Conventions and other Platform Pedestrians):
Many OPC'ers are veteran professional lecturers on world affairs. Among them, they cover nearly every segment of the planet. OPC doesn't issue lecture brochure. Know anyone who needs a speaker? Contact OPCer HAL LEHRMAN, Chairman, Lecture Committee. (Agents Protected.)

MEMORIAL BUILDING FUND REPORT--SEPT. 21, 1954

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Brought Forward 9/14/54	\$255,539.77	\$ 1,030.00	\$256,569.77
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	\$258,049.77	\$ 1,030.00	\$259,079.77

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On Sunday, October 3rd, 7 P.M., EDWARD R. MURROW will be presented with the Annual Freedom House Award at the Waldorf-Astoria Grand Ballroom. Reservations \$10.00. dress optional. Anyone desiring to attend, contact OPC Headquarters.

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G. Sumner Collins, New York Journal-American; Wisconsin News, Milwaukee, Wisconsin from 1924 to 1927; Milwaukee Sentinel from 1933 to 1935. Proposed by ROBERT CONSIDINE; seconded by JOSEPH WILLICOMBE, JR.

William D. Haylon, manager, Information Department, General Electric Co., since 1935; Berkshire Evening Eagle from 1928 to 1930; Providence News Tribune from 1932 to 1934; Cincinnati Post from 1934 to 1935. Proposed by BILL DAVIDSON; seconded by CORNELIUS RYAN.

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ACTIVE: WALLACE LITWIN, free lance photo journalist.

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